

Negro woman lawyer argues tax case here

The only Negro woman lawyer in Alabama was arguing an income tax case in Federal District Tax Court here today.

Mahala Dickerson, the lawyer, was born in Montgomery and practiced law there for four years before she went to live in Indianapolis.

Her husband, Frank Beckwith, is a lawyer there. She practices under her own name, she explained.

She is one of two Negro women lawyers in Indiana. She is the mother of 13-year-old triplet boys.

A former teacher, she was admitted to the Alabama bar in Montgomery in 1948.

SHE IS representing Booker W. Evans, Negro restaurant owner of Montgomery. The Internal Revenue Bureau is demanding taxes of approximately \$17,000 from Evans.

But, actually, the government owes him \$1000, the woman lawyer is arguing.

She charges that belted threats were made to her client by Internal Revenue agents if he didn't pay up. She did not specify just what the threats were, but declared that the tone used by the agents intimidated her client.

She is basing her case on the 16th Amendment, which grants income tax rights, and the 14th Amendment which assures American citizens of their civil rights.

The Federal District Tax Court is a special one which holds session in different jurisdictions. Judge Eugene Black is presiding at the court. He is a former congressman from Texas.

Attorney Traffic

By JOSEPH A. OWENS

Recently the Hartford, Connecticut Traffic Court was cited by the American Bar Administration for the manner in which cases have been handled in the Insurance City Court.

The key man in the Hartford court who has been highly responsible for the smooth operation of that law body is traffic attorney John W. Newman.

The first colored person to ever hold a court position in the capital of the Nutmeg state says, "I like to think of the traffic court as being a school room. We try to educate offenders, not hand out severe punishment, unless the offense call for such a treatment."

"The old saying, 'An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure,' has a double meaning when you are dealing with human lives, and motor vehicle violators are not only endangering their own safety but the well being of fellow drivers and pedestrians."

"When a driver appears in this court more than once he receives little consideration. I will work with first offenders and help them but the habitual offender gets no mercy from me."

Newman's duties as traffic attorney are those of a liaison officer between the court, police and the accused. He makes it a point to thoroughly investigate all cases and the driving records of those who have been brought to court by the law.

Unlimited Power

The goodlooking bespectacled legal eagle draws up all the court dockets for the three sessions that are held each week and it is he who has the power of deciding whether or not the original report made by an arresting officer should be reduced.

For instance, many times he will give a first offender a break by suggesting to the presiding judge that a speeding charge be entered as a violation of the rules of the road.

John Newman not only has the distinction of being the first colored person to receive a court appointment in Hartford but has the double honor of being the first man to ever serve as traffic attorney in the Hartford court.

The court was opened April 10, 1952 for the purpose of ruling on all motor vehicle violations and Newman was beckoned by Connecticut Governor John D. Lodge to take his present position.

For Newman to accept, he had to resign his job as clerk in Hartford Police Court. He had been a member of the police court since July 1, 1951. The position in Traffic Court pays \$6,000 a year and still allows John to carry on his private practice.

A Necessity

A conscientious hard working individual,

the chubby faced attorney avers, "Traffic courts are an absolute necessity. I believe that it is impossible to treat motor vehicle violations as a run of the mill offense as many police courts have to do because of their overcrowded schedules."

The day is not far off when every major city in the country will have a special court to handle the driving offenses the same as we have here in Hartford."

Often termed our unofficial "Ambassador of Goodwill" in Hartford, Mr. Newman's career is one that depicts determination from an early age. The present day civil practitioner was born in Palatka, Florida.

When John was only one year old his mother died, consequently he was raised by his grandparents in Cleveland, Ohio. At East High school he was one of the leading scholars and also a star athlete, with track being his favorite sport.

Receiving his sheepskin in 1931 young John realized that if he were ever to make his mark in the world he would have to go to college.

How does a penniless fellow put himself through college?

"I was fortunate in that I was a natural musician. I enrolled at Ohio State and immediately lined myself up several jobs in various jazz bands. The trombone was my instrument and, boy, how I loved to play it."

"At that time Juan Tizol and Larry Brown were my favorites. They both played in Duke Ellington's band back in the thirties and I guess just about every trombonist in the country envied them. As an all time favorite, Jack Teagarden is my man," explains Newman as he recalled his days on the bandstand.

"One of my fondest acquaintances came through my playing. One night while playing an engagement in Columbus, Ohio I was introduced to Sy Oliver, a man who later helped me improve my playing tremendously."

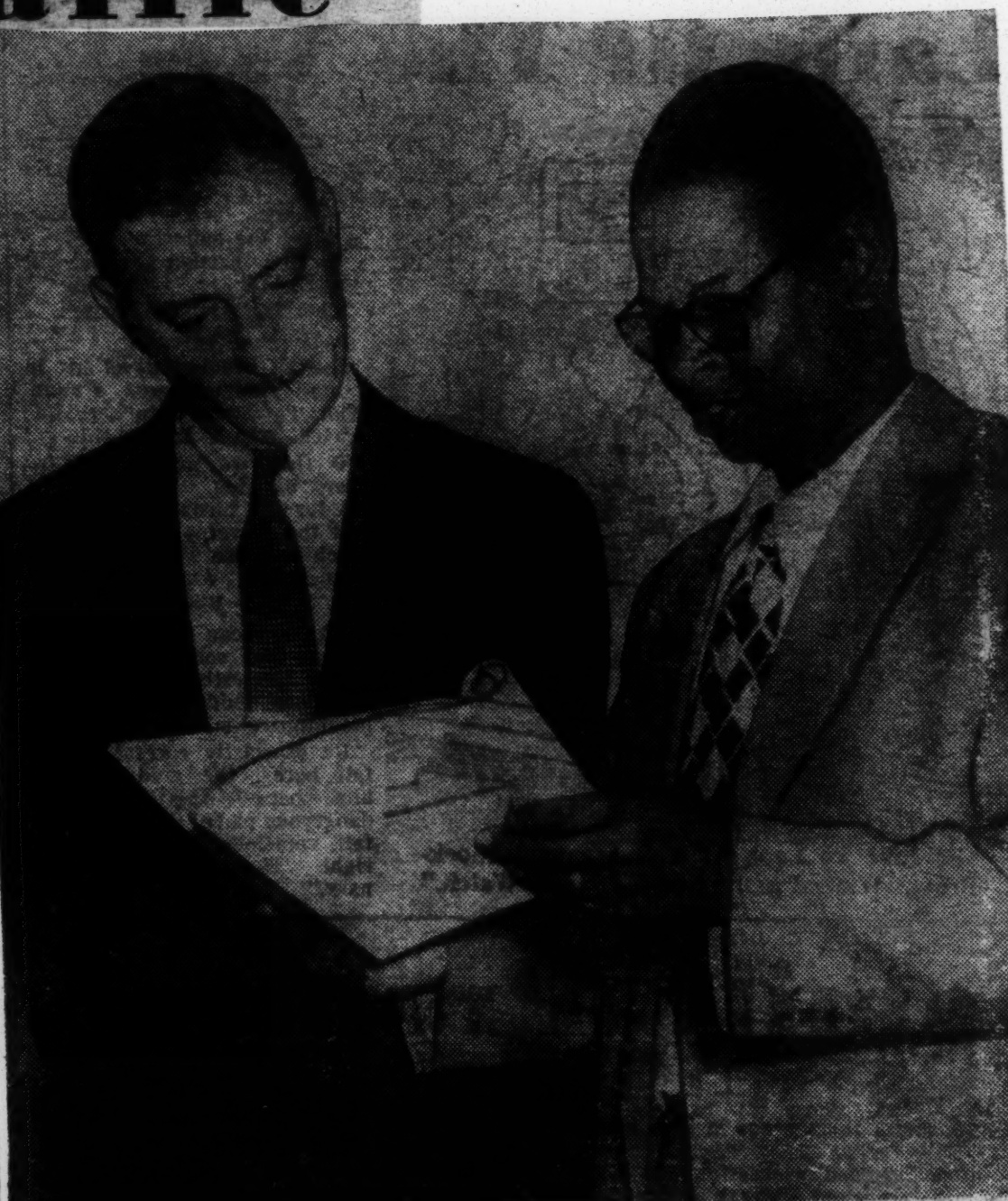
Economics Major

At Ohio State he majored in economics and accounting. It wasn't until two years after he had graduated from college that Newman became interested in law.

His first job was with the Atlanta Life Insurance Company as a special representative in the southern states. He travelled that sector with a team of other young insurance salesmen.

After two years in this phase of insurance work the aggressive Newman was promoted to a position in the home office in the auditing department.

Advancement was rapid for the eager young man and within another two years he was assigned to work with the vice president of the company investigating claims.



Traffic Attorney John W. Newman and Senior Judge S. Burr Leikind.

"It was then that I saw my future cut out for me. In 1941 I made the decision to leave a good paying job and return to the classroom. I enrolled at Columbia University and finally got my law degree in 1946 after my studies had been interrupted by my Uncle Sam who put me in the army," for two years.

Clean City

Though he had accomplished his desire to study and receive his degree in law, Newman was a very confused young man when he left Columbia. He realized that New York

was not a fertile place for a new man.

Consequently he and his wife, the former Vivian Harrison of Atlanta, looked at a map and made three choices as possible sites where John might set himself up in private practice.

New Haven, Hartford and Boston were the three cities that struck their fancy. "We chose Hartford because it appeared to be such a clean city. I didn't feel that we would be happy in New Haven and I knew that those winding streets in Boston would be quite a problem for both of us."

While studying to pass the bar examination in Connecticut, John worked as an examiner under General Ernest E. Novey in the bonus department of the Veterans' Administration. He also worked in the Office of Price Administration as an investigator for a short period. Newman was admitted to the bar on June 1, 1947.

Little Time

A rabid baseball fan, John roots for the Dodgers and Indians. His interest in the Brooklyn team is such that he has a pair of headphones he uses to hear all the night games in his bedroom while his wife catches some sleep.

He is also an outdoor enthusiast and wishes he had more time to go salt water fishing. However, his court chores and private practice keep him pretty well tied down.

One of the most popular figures around his adopted home city John is often seen wearing shorts in public. "In hot humid weather a man should be as comfortable as possible. It's good for your health," says the traffic attorney with a broad smile.



COMMON BOND — is expressed by four young neophyte lawyers who were among 7 Negroes to pass the California State Bar this week. From left: Elbert Thomas Hudson, son of Dr. H. Claude Hudson, president of the Broadway Federal Savings and Loan association; Harold P. Machen, product of Southwestern university Law School; Eugene Hall, Charles Landry Fielding. Others were: Ray Junius Carter, 818 E. 33rd st., and James B. Dooley. Another William B. Broadnax, of 9852 Julio ave., Pacoima, also passed.

Fielding holds both a B.A. and law degree from Yale and is the nephew of longtime Los Angeles residents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Z. Hardon. Hall took his law from Wayne university, and also holds a Master's Degree. Hudson was graduated only last month from the Loyola Law School. He is married to the former Marilyn Williams, daughter of Paul R. Williams, famed architect and 1953 Spingarn Medalist.

NOTED WASHINGTON ATTORNEY REACHED FAME BY VIOLATING ORDER TO STAY OUT OF RIVER

Helped Woman to Harness Horse and Made
Lifetime Friend of Prominent Lawyer

HARD TIMES TIED HIM TO NATION'S CAPITAL

By ALICE A. DUNNIGAN

WASHINGTON.—(ANP)—By violating his mother's ultimatum he accidentally stumbled into an opportunity to study law, proclaimed Atty. William L. Houston last week. At a testimonial given in honor of his 60 years of service as a member of the bar in the District of Columbia, Houston related the experience which was responsible for his interest in law.

As a youngster in Evansville, Ind., the veteran attorney said, he liked to go swimming with the other boys in the swirling Ohio river. When his mother discovered this, she issued an ultimatum warning him to stay away from the dangerous waters. He obeyed the order for a few days but the lure for the rolling waves finally got the best of him and he dared take another chance. All went well until he was dressed and ready to return home. Knowing of his mother's orders, one of his playmates decided to play a joke on him, pushed him back into the river.

Afraid to go home with his two pieces of clothing dripping wet, and embarrassed to go through the streets, Houston took a short cut through the black alleys. There he saw a woman trying to hitch a horse to a buggy but firm. He offered to assist her, and with this chore he thought he, this would be his clothes time to dry. He did the task so well that the woman gave him a dime and a permanent job.

The lady happened to be the wife of Charles L. Wedding, a very distinguished lawyer. The attorney treated him like a son and encouraged him to study law. At that time there was not a single Negro attorney in the en-

Ceremonial Room of the new courthouse, Judge Hastie recalled that when he was a lad he was impressed with Houston's office which he said was a perfect example of what a first class small law office should be like.

In presenting a plaque to the honoree as a reminder of the testimonial, Atty. George Parks closed his remarks with the quotation, "Words without thought never to Heaven go."

Accepting the plaque the elderly lawyer pointed out that "the deepest thoughts are those unspoken. Most great joys bring a touch of silence just as the greatest grief brings unshed tears."

Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson, president of Howard university, reviewed the work of the late Charles Houston, the nationally famous civil rights lawyer, son of the honoree.

Chief Justice Lows referred to Atty. Houston as a man who has the "interest of humanity at heart."

Judge Armond Scott, representing the Municipal court, pointed to Houston's continued activities as "exploding the fallacy that persons should be thrown on the scrap pile when they reach a certain chronological age."

U. S. Dist. Atty. Charles Ireland said that the "vigor, good health and quick wit of Houston at his age is not only an example but a challenge to young men coming before the bar."

Dr. Herbert Marshall, president of the Federation of Civic Associations, brought greetings to Houston from the Federation.

District Commissioner F. Joseph Donohue referred to Houston as "a distinguished lawyer, a great friend and a great American."

The affair was presided over by Joel Blackwell, president of the Washington Bar Association. It was the first affair of its kind ever to be held in the Ceremonial room of the District Court Building. It was attended by some 300 of Washington's most prominent citizens from every walk of life.

After Charlie Houston grew up and finished law at Harvard he and his father established a law firm of Houston and Houston, remaining there until he was appointed judge of the Virgin Islands. Later he was appointed governor of the Islands, and is now judge of the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

In honoring Houston in the

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On Team of New Administration



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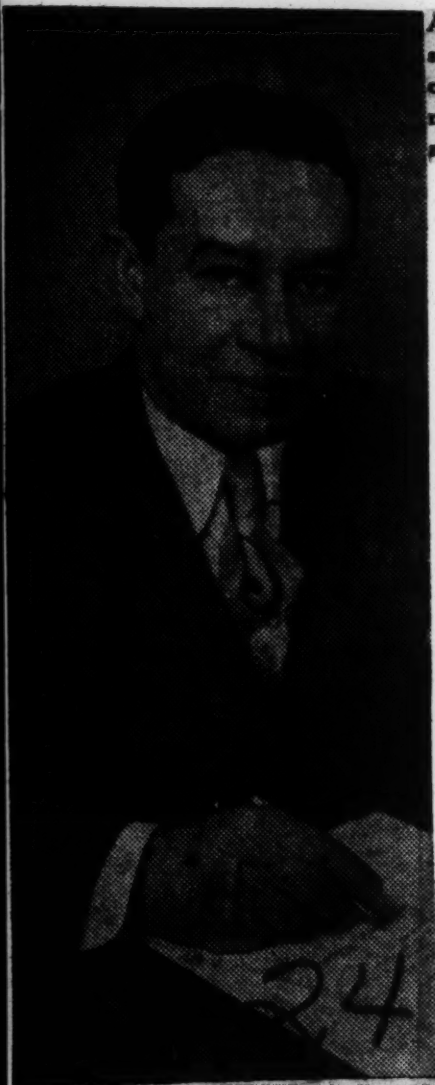
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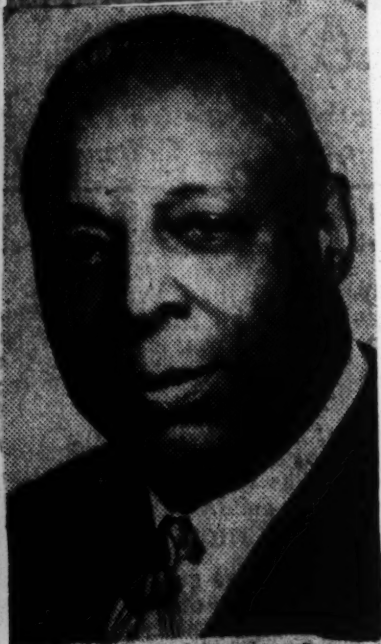


Association, the National Bar Association, and the American Judicature Society. He is a Mason, a member of the Kappa Alpha Psi and Methodist church.

J. Ernest Wilkins, prominent attorney from Chicago, Illinois, pictured above, has been designated vice-chairman of the President's Government Contract Committee, the FEPC of the Federal government. This committee is chaired by Vice-President Richard M. Nixon. Attorney Wilkins has a unique family background. He is a Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Illinois. He is the father of three sons, two of whom are graduates of Harvard University. J. Ernest Wilkins, Jr., a scientist, is the youngest person to receive a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. Young Wilkins worked on the atomic bomb project during World War II. *Oct. 8-29-53*
 Attorney Wilkins is a member of the Cook County, Illinois, Bar Association; the Illinois State Bar

Admits First Negro

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — (ANP) — The Indianapolis Bar Association for the first time in its history has admitted a Negro attorney to membership. He is Atty. Robert Lee Brockeburr, a lawyer here for 43 years. Brockeburr is also a state senator, now serving his third term from Marion County.



Mr. BROCKENBURR

**Indiana Bar
Ups Race Ban**

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — The Indianapolis Bar Association for the first time in its history has admitted a colored attorney to membership.

He is Atty. Robert Lee Brockeburr, a practicing lawyer here for 43 years.

Brockeburr, also a state senator, now serving his third term from Marion county, was first elected in 1940, re-elected in 1944, re-elected in 1948 and again in 1952.

He is a graduate of Howard Law School; a trustee of Hampton Institute, his alma mater; and counsel of the Madame C. J. Walker Manufacturing company.

FBI Agents Search Old Records Of Charles P. Howard



Files and records abandoned by Charles P. Howard, former Des Moines attorney, are shown in this view of the offices he occupied at

515 Mulberry street. FBI agents Ill., was a delegate in 1950 to the have conducted a thorough search of Communists-sponsored "Peace Congress" in Warsaw, Poland.—(Photo Courtesy of Des Moines Register).

Former Office Records and Files of Charles P. Howard Searched by Agents of FBI

Headlining the daily press news last Sunday morning was Charles P. Howard, at one time a prominent Des Moines criminal attorney, whose files left in his former office at 515 Mulberry street, were searched by Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) agents.

Howard, who is disbarred in Iowa, resides in Chicago, Ill., where he is believed to be practicing law.

Active in the affairs of the red-tinted National Progressive party, in 1948 he was the keynoter of the Progressive party convention that nominated Henry A. Wallace for president; and in 1950, Howard made

a trip to Moscow where he was a delegate to the red-sponsored "Peace Congress" in Warsaw.

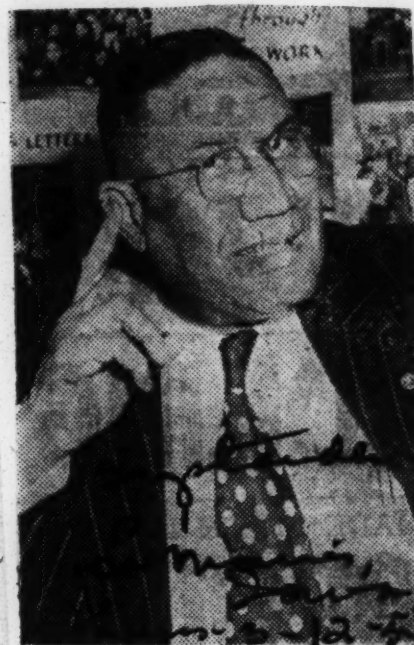
It is regarded as certain that the FBI made photostats of a large number of records found in the abandoned Howard office here.

Action that led up to the FBI search of Howard's files involved the Polk county district court clerk's office.

About three weeks ago, the Des Moines law firm of Herrick & Langdon sought the file of a case in the district court clerk's office.

File Taken

The file had been taken from the



CHARLES P. HOWARD

clerk's office by Attorney B. T. Richmond, a former associate of Howard who shared the office. (Attorneys often draw files from the clerk's office.)

District Court Clerk Michael H. Doyle, Jr., notified Richmond the file was wanted. Richmond said he was unable to enter the office because it was locked and Howard's son had the key.

Owner Contacted

Unable to enter the office, Doyle contacted Alphonse (Babe) Bisignano, owner of the building.

Bisignano said Howard had not occupied the office for more than 6 months and no longer was a tenant. Bisignano said Howard settled up his lease on the office before leaving.

Doyle was given permission to break the lock on the door, and this was done. He was accompanied by a deputy and Richmond, who wanted to recover some personal effects. The sought-after files were found.

Had Been Watching

The next day, the FBI contacted Doyle. It appears that the agents had been keeping watch on Howard's office. They wanted to know what Doyle had gone there for. He explained.

The FBI then wanted to know if Doyle planned to return to the Howard office. It happened that at least 30 Polk county court files, and

several for other counties as well, were in the Howard office. The FBI suggested taking all the office records to the courthouse for gleaning. On advice of Polk County Attorney Clyde Herring, Doyle agreed.

"Doyle by law is custodian of court files," Herring said. "So far as I am concerned, he had every right to go into that office to recover court documents."

"If the FBI wanted to look over his shoulder that would be all right under the circumstances."

Howard was in Des Moines during the weekend. His wife is critically ill at Mercy Hospital.

Howard surrendered his license to practice in Iowa Feb. 16, 1951. He was accused of appropriating money belonging to clients. Last September, he pleaded for reinstatement. The request was denied.

Mrs. Glanton Admitted To Iowa Bar



MRS. WILLIE STEVENSON GLANTON

Mrs. Willie Stevenson Glanton, 30, of 818 Fifteenth street, wife of Assistant Polk County Attorney Luther T. Glanton, Jr., was among 30 recent law school graduates who were admitted Oct. 10 to the practice of law in Iowa.

Mrs. Glanton, one of three women who received their certificates from Norman R. Hays, chief justice of the supreme court, during final exercises in the supreme court room. member of Corinthian Baptist church and its usher board; active in Quette club and Delta Sigma Theta sorority.

A native of Hot Springs, Ark., Mrs. Glanton is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin S. Stevenson, who reside there. She is a graduate of Tennessee A & I State College, the Robert H. Terrell Law School in Washington, D. C.

In Des Moines, where she has resided for over two years, Mrs. Glanton is active in many organizations. She is a member of the executive committee and secretary of the Good Government Association; chairman of the nominating committee of the Day Care Center; former board member and bulletin editor of the League of Women Voters;

First Negro Judge Here Too Young for Post

Attorney Shobe Was Ineligible By Constitution

Attorney Benjamin F. Shobe, who presided yesterday over two trials as Jefferson Circuit Court judge pro-tem, was ineligible for the post under Kentucky's Constitution.

Shobe, first Negro to sit on the bench here, received the one-day appointment from Circuit Judge Frank A. Ropke.

Circuit Court judges must be no less than 35 years old and must have been a practicing lawyer for eight years, says Section 130 of the Constitution.

Shobe is 32, according to Martindale & Hubbell Law Directory, which gives 1920 as his year of birth. It also shows he was admitted to practice before the Kentucky Court of Appeals in 1946, meaning he has practiced law only six years.

May Let Decisions Stand

"It never occurred to me that Shobe wasn't old enough," Judge Ropke said. "Of course I couldn't appoint him (judge protem) again. This appointment was for one day only."

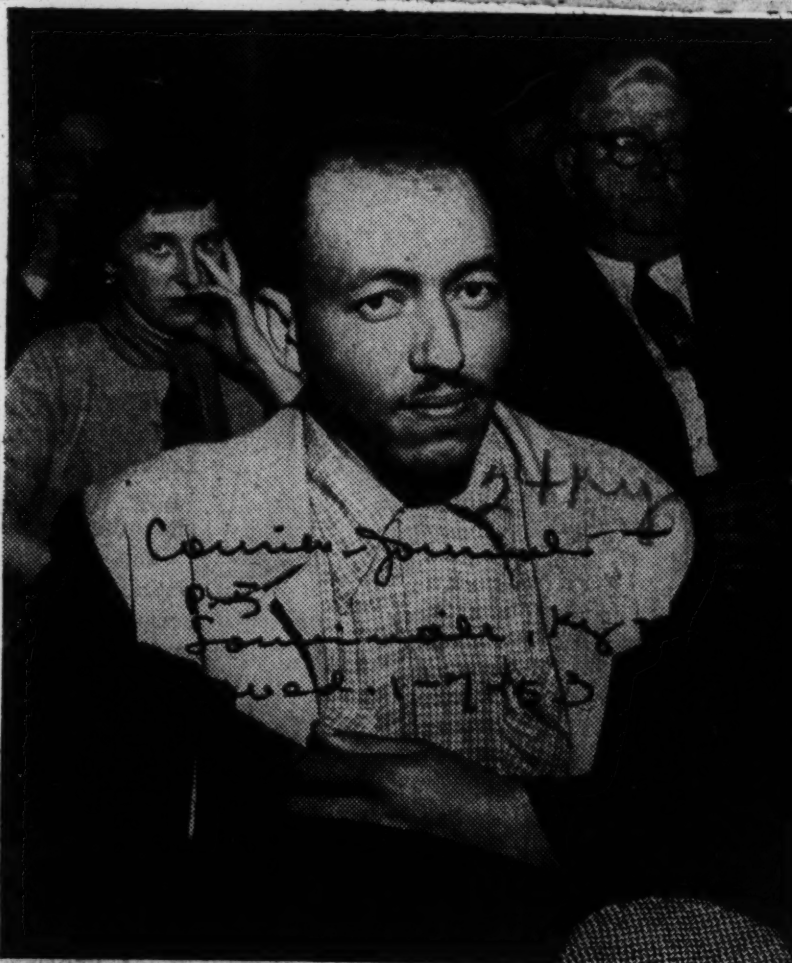
Unless questions are raised, Ropke said, he will let stand the decisions in yesterday's two trials at which Shobe presided. Otherwise, he will have to grant new trials.

Defendants in the trials were Jack McElroy Underwood, 30, charged with arson, and James Robert Lytle, charged with rape. Lytle was adjudged not guilty. The Underwood case had not been presented to the jury early last night.

Accused of Firing Home

Underwood was accused of setting fire to the home of Benjamin S. Wilkerson, 2822 Crittenden Drive during a Farm Equipment Workers strike at International Harvester Company last September 27.

Wilkerson testified that he gave chase to Underwood after discovering him in a parked auto-



Courier-Journal Photo

CHARGED WITH ARSON, Jack McElroy Underwood, 30, of 1538 W. Kentucky, went on trial yesterday in Criminal Court. He is accused of setting fire to the home of a non-union worker during an International Harvester strike last September 27.

mobile in the neighborhood the morning a home-made incendiary bomb started the blaze.

He said he drove alongside Underwood's car when they reached a stop light and then was unable to identify him as the man who had threatened "about a week or 10 days ago" to burn down his house.



Courier-Journal Photo
FIRST NEGRO to sit on the bench of Jefferson Circuit Court, attorney Benjamin F. Shobe listens to testimony in a trial in Criminal Branch, First Division.

Bar Association Here Elects Three Negroes

Three Negro attorneys were elected to membership in the Louisville Bar Association yesterday.

President Squire Ogden said that, to the best of his knowledge, they were the first Negroes ever to apply for membership.

They were:

Charles W. Anderson, Jr., former State representative and former assistant Commonwealth's attorney under Republican Frank A. Ropke.

Harry S. McAlpin, former assistant Commonwealth's attorney under Democrat A. Scott Hamilton.

Ralph H. Richards, 1951 law graduate from Howard University, Washington, D. C.

All three, as a legal requisite to practice law in the state, were already members of the Kentucky State Bar Association.

Anderson Attended K.S.C.

Anderson, 46, attended Kentucky State College, received his bachelor's degree from Wilberforce University, Xenia, Ohio, in 1926, and got his law degree from Howard University in 1931.

He was the first Negro ever elected to the Kentucky Legislature (in 1935), and served six terms there. In 1946, he was the first Negro made assistant Commonwealth's attorney here. He served two terms, from 1944 to 1946, as president of the National Negro Bar Association.

In 1945, he was awarded Howard University's alumni award for distinction in law and government.

He is married, has two children, and lives at 1025 S. Western Parkway.

McAlpin Went To Wisconsin

McAlpin, 47, attended the University of Wisconsin from 1922 to 1926, majoring in journalism.

From 1926 to 1949, he did a variety of Government and newspaper work and studied law on the side at Terrell Law School, Washington, D. C. He was admitted to the Washington bar in 1937.

As a member of the staff of the National Newspaper Publishers Association in 1944, he became the first Negro correspondent accredited to the White House.

In 1947, he went to Korea as propaganda specialist with the Office of Civil Information. He

did a year's free-lance writing after that assignment, and in 1949 settled in Louisville.

He was president of the Louisville branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in 1951 and 1952.

His wife lives in Washington, rounding out 30 years' service in the Washington public school system where she is now in the department of research. His daughter is a senior at Howard University.

McAlpin lives at 2522 W. Chestnut.

From March he was assistant commonwealth's attorney.

McAlpin and Anderson are law partners.

Richards Is K.S.C. Graduate

Richards, 34, a native of Cincinnati, received a bachelor's degree from Kentucky State College in 1942. During World War II, he served in the European and Asiatic theaters in the Army Quartermaster Corps, being discharged as a corporal in 1946. He entered Howard University's Law School in 1945 and took his Kentucky bar examinations in August, 1951. He is married and lives at 3212 Dumesnil.

The election of the three followed a November 6 announcement by President Ogden that a check of the bar association's bylaws and constitution revealed "there is not only no prohibition against (Negroes') membership now, but there never has been."

The question was raised after the Jefferson County Medical Association recently voted to admit Negro doctors.

It has since admitted one doctor, Dr. Maurice F. Rabb.

WHITE LOUISVILLE ATTORNEYS ACCEPT THREE NEGRO MEMBERS IN PREVIOUSLY JIM CROW GROUP

Medical Organization Does Same Thing In Revolutionary Integration Program

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES NOT NECESSARY

LOUISVILLE — (ANP) — Three Negroes last week were accepted for membership in the former all-white Louisville Bar Association here.

The attorneys are:

Charles W. Anderson Jr., former state representative; Harry S. McAlpin, former assistant commonwealth's attorney, and Ralph H. Richards, a recent graduate of the Howard university school.

The action of the Louisville Bar Association follows a similar action taken recently by the Jefferson County Medical Association. The latter group changed its constitution to accept Dr. Maurice F. Rabb as its first Negro member.

Constitutional changes, however, were not necessary with the bar group. That organization never had any restrictions in its bylaws and constitution against admittance of colored lawyers.

The three new members of the bar association are members of the Kentucky State Bar Association. Membership in the latter is a legal requisite to practice law in the state. Most colored attorneys here also belong to the Falls City Bar association.

A graduate of Kentucky State college, Anderson received his law degree from Howard university in 1931. Some four years later he was elected to the first known Negro to serve in the Kentucky state legislature. He was reelected five times.

In 1946 he was appointed assistant commonwealth's attorney, serving for six years. A past president of the National Bar Association, Anderson received the Howard university alumni award for distinction in law and government.

Atty. Anderson is married to the former Victoria McCall of Detroit. The couple has two children.

McAlpin, a law partner of Anderson, is a former newspaper

man. He attended the University of Wisconsin from 1922-26, majoring in journalism. He studied law at the Terrell Law school in Washington and was admitted to the Washington bar in 1937. In 1944, he became the first Negro correspondent accredited to the White House. In 1947, he went to Korea as propaganda specialist with the Office of Civil Information. He began practicing law in Louisville in 1949. Since coming here he has served as president of the local NAACP. He and his wife, Alice, have a daughter, Karlen, a student at Howard university. A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, Richards earned his A. B. from Kentucky State college in 1942. Shortly after graduation, he was drafted to serve in World War II. After his discharge in 1946 he entered the Howard university Law school, from which he was graduated in 1951.

Financial Report

Approximately 66 organizations, including churches, schools, fraternal and civic groups have been contacted to donate funds to the bond election budget. Immediate response showed their interest in putting over the bond issue by sending or bringing their donations in person before the first deadline. These organizations reported to have either adhered to the amount asked for or over-subscribed.

At press time the financial status reads: Delta Sigma sorority, \$25.00; Allen Chapel AME

Accept Three In Ky. Law Group

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They are Charles W. Anderson, Jr.; Harry S. McAlpin and Ralph Richards. Association President Stuart Cohen said to the best of his knowledge they are the first Negroes in the organization.

Anderson, 45, was the first Negro elected to the Kentucky legislature in 1935, and was the first of his race to be appointed assistant commonwealth attorney here.

The latter position has also been held by McAlpin, 47, who was the first Negro newspaperman accredited as a White House correspondent.



Baptist Preacher: Atty. R. Jesse Brown, above, a former Lanier high and Campbell College teacher who was admitted to practice law in the state in January, and who is now on the staff of Texas Southern College is spending a few days in the city.

Atty. Brown states that he recently added to his professional status by becoming an ordained and licensed Baptist Minister.

Atty. Lula Howard First Woman Prexy Of Bar Association



Atty. Lula M. Howard, was elected president of the Mound City Bar Association at the annual election of officers meeting held at the Lincoln University School of Law February 14.

The election of Atty. Howard as president marks the first time in the 25 year history of the association that a woman has been its presiding officer.

She has served the association seven years as secretary and one year as vice president.

Other officers elected at the same meeting were: Henry D. Espy, vice-president; Morris M. Hatchett, secretary; Robert L. Witherspoon, assistant secretary and Ellis S. Outlaw, treasurer.

Atty. Howard holds the B. S. degree from Wilberforce University and the LL.B. degree from the Lincoln U. School of Law where she serves as associate professor of law and law librarian. Mrs. Howard, who resides at 4545 Lewis Place, is the wife of James Howard.

St. Louis Bar Admits Negro

ST. LOUIS — (AP) — The St. Louis Bar association has voted into membership its first Negro in its 79-year history.

He is Scovel Richardson, a St. Louis attorney, whose membership was approved Monday night by a vote of 204 for and 2 against in a secret ballot.

Richardson, 41, is dean of the Lincoln university school of law. He currently is serving in Washington as a member of the Federal Board of Parole. President Dwight Eisenhower appointed him to the position.



ADMITTED TO GROUP — Scovel Richardson, member of the United States board of parole was elected to membership in the Bar Association of St. Louis at a recent meeting at the Hotel De Soto. Richardson became the first colored member in the 79 years of the association's history.

Burrell**Admitted
To U.S. Bar**

Harry Hazelwood Jr., prominent Newark attorney, was elected recently to membership in the American Bar Association.

A 1943 graduate of Rutgers University, he completed his law course at Cornell University in 1945.

He was recently awarded a cup by the 1931 Class at Rutgers as an alumnus who has made the greatest contribution to his community for the first 10 years following his graduation from Rutgers.

Other ABA Members

Mr. Hazelwood is chairman of the Legal Redress Committee of the Newark NAACP Branch which he headed for four years until December, 1952.

Other colored lawyers in New Jersey admitted to the American Bar Association recently include U.S. Commissioner Clifford R. Moore, Trenton, and James A. Curtis, Newark, a former Assemblyman.

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Carmel Carrington Marr, a New York lawyer, is among the ten Young Women of the Year who received 1953 Merit Awards from MADEMOISELLE magazine.

For the 10th year, succession these awards have been presented to ten young women who with one exception range in age from their late teens to the early thirties and "whose outstanding accomplishments during the year have had significance for women everywhere," according to Betsy Cabot Blackwell, MADEMOISELLE's Editor-in-chief.

In making the awards Mrs. Blackwell cited Mrs. Marr "for her work as an area adviser to Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., at the United States Mission to the UN."

A political science major and a member of Phi Beta Kappa at Hunter College, Mrs. Marr took her law degree at Columbia University and practiced in Brooklyn for five years. A past secretary of the New York City Wide Republican Women's Club, she was the first woman to be appointed to the permanent staff of the United States Mission as an area adviser (her area is the Near East).

Last September she was appointed to Ambassador Lodge's staff. She is the mother of two children and the wife of Warren Marr, a New York card distributor to leading business houses.

SHARE HONOR

Mrs. Marr's co-winners this year are: Audrey Hepburn, actress; Ilona Karmel, writer; Dr. Eugenie Clark, scientist; Ceevah M. Rosenthal, social worker; Lorraine Budny, fashion designer; Rosalind Wiener, councilwoman; Tenley Albright, figure skater; Maria Callas, singer.

The exception to the age category of the winners is the recently unearthed, more than two thousand year-old Aphrodite who has taken her honored place in New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art.

The award to Aphrodite as a "symbol of woman rediscovered"



CARMEL CARRINGTON MARR

commemorates, according to MADEMOISELLE, "the emergence of modern woman with a better understanding of herself, her loves, her contrasting and conflicting roles in the modern world."

At St. Paul Sunday



ATTY. JEAN M. CAPERS

Atty. Jean Murrell Capers of Cleveland, Ohio, who will address the Women's Day program Sunday afternoon, 3:30 o'clock, at St. Paul AME church is a city councilman of the 11th ward.

In several national polls she has been named as one of the five most prominent and distinguished women in America.

A native Ohioan, Mrs. Capers was educated at Western Reserve university. She was the first Negro high school teacher of physical education in Cleveland.

Later she went in to the newspaper business and now is assistant editor of her weekly The Informer.

In 1941 Mrs. Capers entered politics and later enrolled, graduated from Cleveland Law School and passed the bar in 1945 to be able to qualify for political appointments she sought. She was named assistant police prosecutor, law department of Cleveland and in 1950 she was elected for the first time to the Cleveland City Council.

Her repeated victories in the Councilmanic race in Cleveland caused Our World Magazine, Feb., 1952, to comment: "To the voters of Cleveland's Eleventh Ward, Jean Capers is a modern Joan of Arc."

Mrs. Capers is active member of Zion Hill Baptist church. She has been honored by National Council of

Negro Church Women and the Cleveland Urban League as one of the "ten outstanding women in the field of public service."

In recognition of her work, the Fort Worth (Texas) Urban League has named a housing project for her. This addition will be dedicated next month, with Mrs. Capers as one of the special guests.

Tennessee Will Hire Negro Att'y

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—Attorney General Hal Clements Jr. has asked Knox County court finance committee to leave \$2,400 in the 1953-'54 budget to hire a Negro lawyer for the attorney general's staff. It was the first such action in Knoxville history.

"We have a very definite need for a colored lawyer in my office," the attorney general said. "He is needed to take cases in which there are a large number of colored people as witnesses or attorneys."

Attorney M. Beckwith



Mrs. Mahala Beckwith to be Armistice Day speaker for the

The Henry Allen Boyd Literary Society of the Good Samaritan Baptist Church Indianapolis, Ind., will hold their Annual Armistice Day Services at the church Wed. Nov. 11, at 8 p.m.

Attorney Mahala Dickerson Beckwith, prominent member of the bar, will be guest speaker. Mrs. Beckwith, whose reputation as a talented and brilliant lawyer is widely recognized, she is a profound student of law and an able and witty speaker, following her admission to the bar in her native state of Ala. she served as a member of the legal staff in the US Department of Labor in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Beckwith is a specialist in the field of taxation, having won a number of notable cases involving large sums of money in the courts of Ala.

and here. She is a cum laude graduate of Fisk university and also of the Howard university Law School. Mrs. Beckwith is a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, the National Bar Association, the Lawyer Guild of America, American for Democratic Action, American Society of Friends, the Y.W.C.A., and N.A.A.C.P.

The Program

Advancing of the Colors by the American Legions, Tilman Harpele Post No. 249, Edward Gaillard Post No. 107, Charles Young Post No. 208 and Harry Dainals Post No. 477. Invocation, by the pastor, Dr. J. A. G. Jordan.

Selection, Good Samaritan Male Chorus
Ushers, Boy Scouts Troup No. 86
Mr. Joseph Potter, Scout Master
Solo Pro. Robert Rogers, of South
ern Harminizers
Speaker, Attorney Mahala Beckwith

Solo, Regina Maye, Good Samaritan, Rev. G. R. Mallory, pastor.

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Talk, Elk Lodge
Selection, Kingham's Glee Club
Reading, Mrs. Weekly, Good Samaritan

Solo, Mr. George C. Woodruff
American Legion Service
Benediction

Bro. Marion E. Maye, Pres.
Dr. J. A. G. Jordan, Pastor

State Youth Conference Organized:
The Advisory committee of the Indiana Baptist Association organized the Indiana Youth Conference at Richmond, Ind., Oct. 17, at the Henry Allen Boyd Literary Society of Good Samaritan.

Second Baptist church, Rev. F. W. Weathers, pastor. Rev. F. W. Weathers presided.

The meeting was well attended. There were fifty-five youth within the age limit, (14-24), several others younger, several pastors and youth leaders representing fifteen churches. The constitution was read by Rev. J. A. G. Jordan. It was accepted and adopted.

The youth elected their officers and were immediately installed by Rev. C. Henry Bell, State Moderator. The president appointed the chairman of the following committees: Temperance Mildred Walker; Evangelical, Ronald Winters; Education, Etta Burton; The work of the Youth Conference will be conducted through these committees.

The Youth are very enthusiastic and are making extensive plans for the future. Their first meeting will be held in Marion, Ind., at the Second Baptist Church, Rev. J. R. Bradley, pastor, July 17-18, 1953, at the close of the Indiana Sunday School and B.T.U. Congress.

The following constitute the Official Rostrom

President, Willie Turner, Ind.

First Vice Pres. Sandra Shackelford, Richmond

Second Vice Pres. Delores Seath, Indianapolis

Recording Secretary, Dorothy Strong, Indianapolis

Ass't Rec. Sec., Jeretha Henry, South Bend

Corresponding Sec. Frances Taylor, Indianapolis

Treasurer, Jean Hamilton, Richmond

Pianist, Beatrice Dailey, Indianapolis

Chorister, Jessie Willis, Anderson

Mrs. F. W. Weathers, Chrm. of Advisory Committee

Mrs. Willa Smith, Sec.

Rev. C. Henry Bell, Moderator
Union Baptist Closes Revival
Union Baptist, Muncie, Indiana.

For the past two weeks the Union Baptist church has conducted a very successful Revival service with the Rev. B. L. White, pastor of the St. John Baptist church, South Bend as speaker. The service closed with a Fellowship Service in the church dining room on Saturday. The Fellowship was for the purpose of welcoming the new members.

C. W. Cansler, 82, Buried In Knoxville

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Funeral services were held recently for C. W. Cansler, 82-year old pioneer educator who died at Knoxville General hospital Nov. 1., after an illness of two years.

Cansler, having taught school for 43 years until his retirement in 1939, had also been teacher or principal at every Negro elementary and high school during his career.

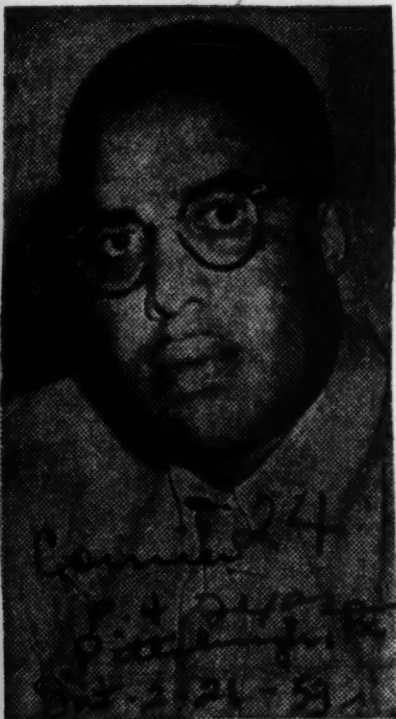
Born in Maryville, Tenn., he attended Freedman's Normal Institute and Maryville College. It was at Freedman's that he became known as a lightning fast mathematician, being able to perform difficult calculations at a glance. At the age of 19 he traveled through the Northwest giving demonstrations of his genius.

Admitted to the bar in 1894, Cansler, this same year, was a Republican nominee for the State Legislature from Knox County. He was also an author and founder of the East Tennessee Teachers Association 44 years ago.

Cansler is survived by his daughter and only child, Mrs. J. Herman Dave; three grandchildren, Mrs. Carolyn Reinhardt, J. Herman Daves, Jr., and Charles W.



Prof. Cansler



VIRGIL C. LOTT

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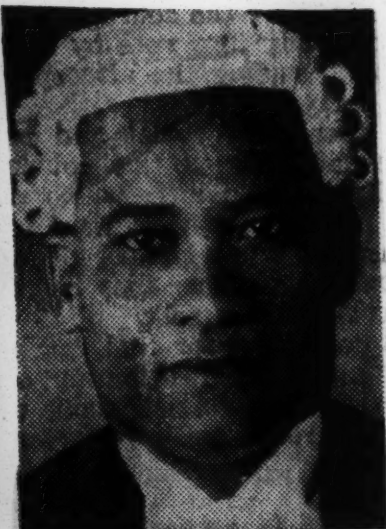
First Negro Earns Law Degree at TU

AUSTIN, Tex.—A Negro received his diploma here last week at the University of Texas' Law School mid-term graduation exercises to recall the famous court case which Marion Heman Sweatt fought with the NAACP to enter the school.

Reportedly the first Negro to win his law degree, Virgil C. Lott, a native of Austin and a former student at Sam Houston College and the University of Houston, transferred to the Law School when it opened its doors following the Supreme Court's ruling on the Sweatt case.

Mr. Lott's record has been termed as "excellent" by university officials. The son of the late O. R. Lott Sr. and Mrs. Viola Lott, he is married to the former Gloria Olivia of Houston, Texas. The couple has three children.

Mr. Lott is currently serving in the role of secretary of the Lott Lumber Co., Inc., and the Keystone Realty Co.



JUSTICE J. C. WOODING

New Justice In Barbados

By RUPERT J. HOYTE

CASTRIES, St. Lucia — Last week the St. Lucia Bar welcomed to the bench the Supreme Court of the Windward and Leeward Islands, John Conrad Wooding, prominent Barbadian Queen's counsel, who had been Attorney General of the Leeward Islands from 1949. Master of arts from Durham University, school teacher and civil servant, Judge Wooding eventually read law in Britain. He previously served here as Crown Attorney, and for some time he held the highest executive post in this colony, that of administrator.